Government is not implementing it. The Government is not taking it up. I had taken up the issue with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Textiles and the Secretary concerned. They do not have guts to implement it. They have got a plain mind.

MR. SPEAKER : Pappu Yadavji, you may please sit down. You have made your submission and that has been recorded. This is your Government, not mine, you may please take it from the Government. Dr. Girija Vyas.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : You have already spoken. It has been recorded. You cannot speak twice on the same subject.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Let the Prime Minister answer.

MR. SPEAKER : You cannot expect the Prime Minister to answer all these kinds of things.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Textile Minister is not present here. Whenever he comes, a proper statement will be made on this subject. *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : No, no; nothing more.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Minister has agreed. I have now called Dr. Girija Vyas.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

DR. GIRIJA VYAS (Udaipur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw your attention. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I have told the Minister. you may pursue it. I have told Shri Paswanji. Now it is enough. You may please sit down.

(Interruptions)

DR. GIRIJA VYAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, kindly ask the Prime Minister to remain here.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Do not worry about that. You make your own statement.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) saw the Prime Minister leaving. We do not know what transpired in the Chamber. Yesterday, when we wanted to raise the Bofors issue, you did say that the Prime Minister will be here for this important issue and we will raise the issue. What happens now?

MR. SPEAKER : On Friday, I promised about it. Yesterday, the Prime Minister requested me to postpone it because he was to go to Orissa. The Prime Minister is very keen. He had come here. He was here for some time.

He is going to receive the President of Turkmenistan. He has an official duty to perform. As soon as he is free, he will be back.

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : Does it mean or does it not mean that Bofors will be raised today ?

MR. SPEAKER : Bofors will be discussed today. We will start just now. I just wanted to give a hearing to the women M.Ps.

[Translation]

DR. GIRIJA VYAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw your attention towards a commitment. You had given an assurance to the woman inside and outside the House and even during the IPU meeting that an important Bill is being brought forward in this Parliament for providing reservation to the women and we were expecting that there would be some provision in the 10th BAC Report to introduce this Bill but after going through the BAC report we doubt the intentions of the Government and BAC members in this regard. I, through you, want to know as to what would be the fate of the women Reservation Bill? We want assurance from you in this regard and appeal that, at least, in the next BAC report this item must be included in the agenda. Today, women from all over the world are looking for this bill. Not only women, but men are also looking towards it.

MR. SPEAKER : This question can be answered by the Government right now. Mr. Jena, Do you have something to say in this regard?

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) : Sir, it is a unanimous request from *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Please, we have had enough now.

(Interruptions)

SHRI A.C. JOS : Sir, the situation in Kerala is very serious. . .*(Interruptions)* It concerns the lives of about 80 lakh rubber growers in the State *(Interruptions)* The price of rubber which was Rs. 60 earlier is only Rs. 42 now *(Interruptions)* The entire cargo of the country is being supplied from my constituency Idukki and about 3,000 tonnes of cargo is being smuggled *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Jos, please listen to me.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : If the matter is so serious, why are you raising it during the Zero Hour where you would not get a response from the Government? You cannot demand a response from the Government. Why do you not give a notice for a Calling Attention Motion? Give a notice for a Calling Attention Motion. That would serve your purpose better.

Yes, Mr. Jaswant Singhji.

. . *(Interruptions)*

SHRI A.C. JOS : Sir, I would give notice for a Calling Attention Motion.

MR. SPEAKER : That is the right way.

. . .*(Interruptions)*

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (Mavelikara) : Sir before that you should direct the Government to intervene . . *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : What more really the Chair can give you than suggesting to you to give a notice for a Calling Attention Motion? You bring the Calling Attention Motion, I would admit it. What also do you require

. . .*(Interruptions)*

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, thank you for your support.

[Translation]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw your attention towards an issue which was discussed in this House earlier also during the last session and a consensus had also emerged on it in the House. The employees of Regional Rural Banks are continuously agitating. The members of Parliament had shown unanimity in favour of their demands. Today they are again here demanding that the agreement which was reached upon in respect of regional rural banks and banking industries as per the sixth pay commission should be implemented in the regional rural banks also. I, through you, urge upon the government to give its kind consideration to this issue and adopt a liberal attitude. Rural banks in our neighbouring country, Bangladesh, are functioning very well. Regional Rural Banks in our country can also function successfully proveded they get Government's cooperation. The Government should extend its cooperation to these rural banks....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Let him make his submission. Why are you disturbing him? He is doing it very well. So effectively he is presenting his case and your case as well.

[Translation]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the members of all parties had expressed the same views on this issue. A Standing Committee have also submitted its report in this regard, but inspite of all these facts the Government are not implementing the agreement. I would request you to kindly direct the Government to take action in this regard.

Just now an hon'ble member Shri Rajesh Ranjan has raised a point pertaining to finance less education policy in Bihar. In the last session also when I had raised this issue, you had directed the Government to respond to my point. This matter has been taken up by the Human Right Commission also. Mr. Speaker, Sir, situation is very worst in Bihar, thousands of teaching staff, numbering nearly two and a half lakh, and non-teaching staff are faced with difficulties in schools and colleges. Twice they have been lathi charged. Yesterday, also they were treated mercilessly and roughly. You had given instructions to the Union Government to look into the matter. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan is present here. Whether he is not aware of the situation? The Members belonging to other states had expressed their dismay over such developments and asked with surprise whether such incidents can take place? You, yourself, had expressed surprise over such incidents.

MR. SPEAKER : Nitishji, you had asked for only one minute, now, you have spoken for five minutes.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Sir, you may direct the Government again to comply with your instructions. . . . *(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Sir, I would like to raise a very serious situation being faced by the people of Orissa, in the absence of adequate Central assistance the drought situation is deteriorating further. *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we extend our support to the issue raised by Shri Nitish Kumar, in respect of regional rural banks. The manifesto of all the